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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-18 are pending in this office action.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. Applicants' Information Disclosure Statements, filed on 04/09/2004, 8/11/2005 and 9/19/2005 have been received, entered and considered. See attached form PTO-1449.

Specification

3. Specification is objected to because related co-pending application, given in the specification needs to be updated by including the U.S. Patent Application Serial number.

Double Patenting

4. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed.

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Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with this application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement.

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Claims 1, 5, 7, 11, and 13 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1, 21, 24, and 35 of copending Application No. 10,792,175. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other for the reason set forth hereinbelow.

Claims of instant application 10,715,162 are essentially the same as claims of copending application 10,792,175 except that the instant application recites "time bar that divides time segments having a size." The copending application has timeline view that is presented in combination with media view and provides access to media files.

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in art at the time the invention was made to use segments of time with different size to provide access to media files in a time period of a time bar.

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Claims 1, 2, 9, 10, 11 and 13 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1, 2, 3, 8, 9 and 22 of copending Application No. 10,738,006. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other for the reason set forth hereinbelow.

Claims of instant application 10,715,162 are essentially the same as claims of copending application 10,738,006 except that the instant application recites "second instructions for generating a time bar that divides time into segments having a size that depends upon the media files associated with the respective segment of time" but co-pending application recites "second instructions for generating a media handle, displayed in conjunction with a media view, wherein the media handle is moveable within the media view to provide viewable access to digital media files."

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in art at the time the invention was made to divide the time bar to provide access to different time periods in a segmented time bar.

Claims 1, 3, 11 and 13 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1, 8, 9 and 16 of copending Application No. 10,715,161. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other for the reason set forth hereinbelow.

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Claims of instant application 10,715,162 are essentially the same as claims of copending application 10,715,161 except that the instant application recites "divided time bar for media file" but the co-pending application is reciting "topographic view representing media files."

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in art at the time the invention was made to divide the time bar to provide access to different time periods in a segmented time bar instead of dividing graphical representation into one or more portions.

Claims 1, 11 and 13 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1, 4, 37 and 39 of copending Application No. 10,715,187. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other for the reason set forth hereinbelow.

Claims of instant application 10,715,162 are essentially the same as claims of copending application 10,715,187 except that the instant application recites "views of media view and the time bar" but the co-pending application recites "views of calendar and media views."

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in art at the time the invention was made to provide the display of the files that are associated with a time bar instead of displaying calendar events with combination to media view, thereby limiting the search time of files according to the time bar.

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The following tables show the claims in the instant application 10715162 that are rejected by corresponding claims in 10792175, 10738006, 10715161 and 10715187.

Instant Application # 10715162	Co-pending Application # 10792175	Co-pending Application # 10738006	Co-pending Application # 10715161	Co-pending Application # 10715187
Claim 1	Claim 1	Claim 1 & 2	Claim 1 & 9	Claim 1 & 4
Claim 5	Claim 24			
Claim 7	Claim 21			
Claim 11	Claim 35	Claim 22	Claim 16	Claim 37 & 39
Claim 13	Claim 35	Claim 22	Claim 16	Claim 37 & 39
Claim 2		Claim 3		
Claim 9		Claim 8		
Claim 10		Claim 9		
Claim 3			Claim 8	

"A later patent claim is not patentably distinct from an earlier patent if the later claim is **obvious over**, or anticipated by, the earlier claim. In re Longi, 759 F.2d at 896, 225 USPQ at 651 (affirming a holding of obviousness-type double patenting because the claims at issue were obvious over claims in four prior art patents); In re Berg, 140 F.3d at 1437, 46 USPQ2d at 1233 (Fed. Cir. 1998) (affirming a holding of obviousness-type double patenting where a patent

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application claim to a genus is anticipated by a patent claim to a species within that genus)." ELI LILLY AND COMPANY v BARR LABORATORIES, INC., United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, ON PETITION FOR HEARING EN BANC (DECIDED: May 30, 2001).

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

5. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. The language of the claims raises a question as to whether the claims are directed merely to an environment or machine which would result in a practical application producing a concrete useful, and tangible result to form the basis of statutory subject matter under 35 U.S.C. 101.

Claims 1-10 are rejected because the actions performed by first and second instructions do not provide any tangible results.

Claims 11-12 are rejected because they appear to be program per se because they include computer readable program instructions. It is unclear

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whether these computer readable program instructions are stored on a computer readable storage medium.

To expedite a complete examination of the instant application the claims rejected under U.S.C. 101 (nonstatutory) above are further rejected as set forth below in anticipation of application amending these claims to place them within the four categories of invention.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-11 and 13-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by **Rothmuller et al. (Rothmuller hereinafter)** (International Pub No. WO 02/057959 A2).

With respect to claim 1, **Rothmuller teaches an application for representing media files on a digital device, the application comprising a computer readable storage medium having computer-readable program**

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instructions embodied in the medium, the computer-readable program

instructions comprising:

“First instructions for generating a media view” as figure 1, Image area 100 provides a media view (**Rothmuller** Figure 1) **“that provides access to digital media files and associates digital media files with a predefined time”** as when the objects to be search for are photos, these search criteria can include, but are not limited to, the date and time the photos were taken, textual information that is associated with the photos such as the names of the people who are in the photos or the places or events where the photos were taken, designations of the photos as favorite photos, and designation of the photos as photos that have been printed, shared with others, or archived on a certain date (**Rothmuller** Page 2, Lines 13-19). These media files are being accessed based on the association of these media files with respect to their data and time.

“second instructions for generating a time bar that divides time into segments having a size that depends upon the media files associated with the respective segment of time” as the temporal metadata associated with the photos can be used to present a histogram of photos in the form of a timeline 250 shown in fig 1. The timeline 250 can show the number of photos take as function of time over some period of time that can rage from the time the first photo in the database was taken to the present. The timeline 250 can be used by itself, or with other tags 350 to specify the criteria used to search for matching photos. The timeline includes adjustable time bands 251 that can be moved to allow timeline 250 to specify the time period that is used to find matching photos

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(**Rothmuller** Page 7, Lines 27-31 & Page 8, Lines 1-3). Examiner interprets the segments as time bands having a size/time period and media files associated with that size.

With respect to claim 2, **Rothmuller** teaches “**the application of claim 1, wherein the second instructions for generating a time bar further generates selectable segments of time**” as the timeline includes adjustable time bands 251 that can be moved to allow timeline 250 to specify the time period that is used to find matching photos (**Rothmuller** Page 8, Lines 2-3). Examiner interprets selectable as adjustable.

With respect to claim 3, **Rothmuller** teaches “**the application of claim 1, wherein the second instructions for generating a time bar includes instructions for generating segments of time periods chosen from the group consisting of a year, a month, a week and a day**” as the timeline 250 can be used by itself to find all photos taken between Jan 1, 2000 and Feb 28, 2000 by moving the adjustable time bands 251 to these two respective dates (**Rothmuller** Page 8, Lines 8-10).

Claim 14 is essentially the same as claim 3 except it recites the claimed invention as a method and is rejected for the same reasons as applied herein above.

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With respect to claim 4 **Rothmuller** teaches **“the application of claim 1, wherein the second instructions for generating a time bar includes instructions for generating a segment of time that indicates the amount of media files in the time segment”** as the temporal metadata associated with the photos can be used to present a histogram of photos in the form of a timeline 250 shown in fig 1. The timeline 250 can show the number of photos take as function of time over some period of time that can rage from the time the first photo in the database was taken to the present. The timeline 250 can be used by itself, or with other tags 350 to specify the criteria used to search for matching photos. The timeline includes adjustable time bands 251 that can be moved to allow timeline 250 to specify the time period that is used to find matching photos (**Rothmuller** Page 7, Lines 27-31 & Page 8, Lines 1-3).

With respect to claim 5, **Rothmuller** teaches **“the application of claim 4, wherein the second instructions for generating a time bar includes instructions for generating a segment of time that indicates the amount of media items in the segment based on the size of the segment”** as the temporal metadata associated with the photos can be used to present a histogram of photos in the form of a timeline 250 shown in fig 1. The timeline 250 can show the number of photos take as function of time over some period of time that can rage from the time the first photo in the database was taken to the present. The timeline 250 can be used by itself, or with other tags 350 to specify the criteria used to search for matching photos. The timeline includes adjustable

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time bands 251 that can be moved to allow timeline 250 to specify the time period that is used to find matching photos (**Rothmuller** Page 7, Lines 27-31 & Page 8, Lines 1-3).

With respect to claim 6, **Rothmuller** teaches **“the application of claim 4, wherein the second instructions for generating a time bar includes instructions for generating a segment of time that indicates the amount of media items in the segment unit based on the color of the segment”** as when tag searches are conducted in conjunction with timeline 250, the timeline displays the total number of photos in the database per unit time period in a first color which may be a solid color, and the total number of photos in the database that match the tagged search criteria as “best” or “close” matches in a second color which may be a hatched pattern or color (**Rothmuller** Page 8, Lines 21-26).

With respect to claim 7, **Rothmuller** teaches **“the application of claim 1, wherein the second instructions for generating a time bar additionally includes instructions for generating a time handle that allows for periods of time to be scrolled”** as figure 1 and figure 3, which shows the time handle/arrows to scroll the time periods (**Rothmuller** Figure 1 & 3).

With respect to claim 8, **Rothmuller** teaches **“the application of claim 1, wherein the first instructions further include instructions for associating digital media files with a predefined time based upon information**

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associated with the digital media file” as when the objects to be search for are photos, these search criteria can include, but are not limited to, the date and time the photos were taken, textual information that is associated with the photos such as the names of the people who are in the photos or the places or events where the photos were taken, designations of the photos as favorite photos, and designation of the photos as photos that have been printed, shared with others, or archived on a certain date (**Rothmuller** Page 2, Lines 13-19). These media files are being accessed based on the association of these media files with respect to their data and time.

Claim 15 is essentially the same as claim 15 except it recites the claimed invention as a method and is rejected for the same reasons as applied herein above.

With respect to claim 9, **Rothmuller** teaches **“the application of claim 1, further including third instructions for generating a calendar view that represents time in calendar format and associates events with respective periods of time”** as in addition to timelines, the temporal distribution of objects in the database can be represented in a calendar view such that the days of the calendar indicate the number of objects having metadata associated with a given day of the week in a given week of the month (**Rothmuller** Page 3, Lines 10-16). In addition tags in the events category can include pre-defined calendar event

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such as New Years Eve, and customized calendar events such as birthdays and anniversaries (**Rothmuller** Page 5, Lines 21-23).

With respect to claim 10, **Rothmuller** teaches “**the application of claim 9, wherein the first instructions for generating a media view that provides access to digital media files and associates digital media files with a predefined time, associates digital media files with a past predefined time and wherein the third instructions for generating a calendar view that represents time in calendar format and associates events with respective periods of time, associates events with respective future periods of time**” as figure 1, Image area 100 provides a media view (**Rothmuller** Figure 1). When the objects to be search for are photos, these search criteria can include, but are not limited to, the date and time the photos were taken, textual information that is associated with the photos such as the names of the people who are in the photos or the places or events where the photos were taken, designations of the photos as favorite photos, and designation of the photos as photos that have been printed, shared with others, or archived on a certain date (**Rothmuller** Page 2, Lines 13-19). These media files are being accessed based on the association of these media files with respect to their data and time.

In addition to timelines, the temporal distribution of objects in the database can be represented in a calendar view such that the days of the calendar indicate the number of objects having metadata associated with a given day of the week in a given week of the month (**Rothmuller** Page 3, Lines 10-16). In addition tags

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in the events category can include pre-defined calendar event such as New Years Eve, and customized calendar events such as birthdays and anniversaries (**Rothmuller** Page 5, Lines 21-23).

With respect to claim 11, **Rothmuller** teaches a **digital device, the device comprising:**

“a processing unit that executes computer-readable program instructions for accessing media files, the computer-readable program instructions comprising” as a programmable processor executing a program of instruction to perform functions of the invention by operating on input data and generating output (**Rothmuller** Page 12, Lines 19-21).

“first instructions for generating a media view” as figure 1, Image area 100 provides a media view (**Rothmuller** Figure 1) **“that provides access to digital media files and associates digital media files with a predefined time”** as when the objects to be search for are photos, these search criteria can include, but are not limited to, the date and time the photos were taken, textual information that is associated with the photos such as the names of the people who are in the photos or the places or events where the photos were taken, designations of the photos as favorite photos, and designation of the photos as photos that have been printed, shared with others, or archived on a certain date (**Rothmuller** Page 2, Lines 13-19). These media files are being accessed based on the association of these media files with respect to their data and time.

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“second instructions for generating a time bar that divides time into segments having a size that depends upon the media files associated with the respective segment of time” as the temporal metadata associated with the photos can be used to present a histogram of photos in the form of a timeline 250 shown in fig 1. The timeline 250 can show the number of photos take as function of time over some period of time that can rage from the time the first photo in the database was taken to the present. The timeline 250 can be used by itself, or with other tags 350 to specify the criteria used to search for matching photos. The timeline includes adjustable time bands 251 that can be moved to allow timeline 250 to specify the time period that is used to find matching photos (Rothmuller Page 7, Lines 27-31 & Page 8, Lines 1-3). Examiner interprets the segments as time bands having a size/time period and media files associated with that size.

“a display in communication with the processing unit that presents a combined view of the media view and the time bar” as figure1, which shows the combined view of both the media view and the time bar (Rothmuller Figure 1).

Claim 13 is essentially the same as claim 11 except it recites the claimed invention as a method and is rejected for the same reasons as applied herein above.

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With respect to claim 16, **Rothmuller teaches a method for using a time bar in a media diary application to access a media file, the method comprising:**

“providing the user of a digital device a display of a time bar and a media view that represents media files in association with a predefined time” as the temporal metadata associated with the photos can be used to present a histogram of photos in the form of a timeline 250 shown in fig 1. The timeline 250 can show the number of photos take as function of time over some period of time that can rage from the time the first photo in the database was taken to the present. The timeline 250 can be used by itself, or with other tags 350 to specify the criteria used to search for matching photos. The timeline includes adjustable time bands 251 that can be moved to allow timeline 250 to specify the time period that is used to find matching photos (**Rothmuller** Page 7, Lines 27-31 & Page 8, Lines 1-3). Figure 1, Image area 100 provides a media view (**Rothmuller** Figure 1)

“activating one or more time levels of the time bar to display the specific predefined time for which a media file is associated” as the timeline 250 can be used by itself to find all photos taken between Jan 1, 2000 and Feb 28, 2000 by moving the adjustable time bands 251 to these two respective dates (**Rothmuller** Page 8, Lines 8-10). The time levels of timeline shown in the reference has 2000 as year level, Jan as month level and 1st as day level and these levels are being activated to retrieve media files.

“activating the specific period of time to display a representation of the media file and the associated predefined time” as the timeline 250 can be used by itself to find all photos taken between Jan 1, 2000 and Feb 28, 2000 by moving the adjustable time bands 251 to these two respective dates (**Rothmuller** Page 8, Lines 8-10).

“selecting the representation of the media file to access the media file” as the timeline 250 can be used by itself, or with other tags 350 to specify the criteria used to search for matching photos (**Rothmuller** Page 7, Line 31 & Page 8, Lines 1-2).

With respect to claim 17, **Rothmuller** teaches **“the method of claim 16, wherein the step of activating one or more time levels of the time bar to display the specific predefined time for which a media file is associated further comprises activating one or more time levels of the time bar chosen from the group consisting of month level, week level and day level to display the specific predefined time for which a media file is associated”** as the timeline 250 can be used by itself to find all photos taken between Jan 1, 2000 and Feb 28, 2000 by moving the adjustable time bands 251 to these two respective dates (**Rothmuller** Page 8, Lines 8-10). The time levels of timeline shown in the reference has 2000 as year level, Jan as month level and 1st as day level and these levels are being activated to retrieve media files.

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With respect to claim 18, **Rothmuller** teaches “**the method of claim 16, wherein the step of activating the specific predefined time to display a representation of the media file and the associated predefined time further comprises activating a specific date to display a representation of the media file and the date**” as the timeline 250 can be used by itself to find all photos taken between Jan 1, 2000 and Feb 28, 2000 by moving the adjustable time bands 251 to these two respective dates (**Rothmuller** Page 8, Lines 8-10).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Rothmuller et al.** (International Pub No. WO 02/057959 A2).

With respect to claim 12, **Rothmuller** teaches “**the digital device of claim 11, wherein the processing unit that executes computer-readable program instructions for accessing media files, the computer-readable program instructions comprising further comprises a third instructions for generating a calendar view that represents time in calendar format,**

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associates events with respective periods of time” as in addition to timelines, the temporal distribution of objects in the database can be represented in a calendar view such that the days of the calendar indicate the number of objects having metadata associated with a given day of the week in a given week of the month (**Rothmuller** Page 3, Lines 10-16). In addition tags in the events category can include pre-defined calendar event such as New Years Eve, and customized calendar events such as birthdays and anniversaries (**Rothmuller** Page 5, Lines 21-23).

Rothmuller teaches the elements of claim 12 as noted above but does not explicitly teach **“and is presented by the display in combination with the media view and the time bar.”**

However, **Rothmuller** teaches **“and is presented by the display in combination with the media view and the time bar”** as figure1, which shows the combined view of both the media view and the time bar (**Rothmuller** Figure 1).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of the cited reference because these teachings would have provided the display of all the files and events associated with a specific data by the displaying calendar events with combination to media view and time bar, thereby limiting the search time of different files and events.

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Contact Information

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Usmaan Saeed whose telephone number is (571)272-4046. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hosain Alam can be reached on (571)272-3978. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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